

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A hung window comprising:

a frame defining an opening, said frame including a pair of spaced vertical frame members, an upper frame member interconnecting upper ends of said vertical frame members, and a lower frame member interconnecting lower ends of said vertical frame members, each

5 said vertical frame member having a pair of vertically extending channels formed thereon;

an upper sash mounted in the frame and slidable therein in an opposing pair of said channels;

a lower sash mounted in the frame and slidable therein in another opposing pair of said channels;

10 a pair of pulleys mounted in the frame and within the opening defined by said frame;

a cable having a first end connected to the upper sash and a second end connected to the lower sash, said cable being routed over said pair of pulleys wherein lifting said lower sash causes said upper sash to be lowered; and

a locking mechanism for locking said upper sash with respect to said lower sash, said

15 locking mechanism having a first part mounted to said upper sash and a second part mounted to said lower sash, said first part contacting said second part when said locking mechanism is in a locked position.

2. (Original) A window, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

a weight of said lower sash is adjusted to balance a weight of said upper sash thereby optimizing an amount of force required to lift the lower sash.

3. (Original) A window, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said lower sash and said upper sash are approximately equal in weight.

4. (Original) A window, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said pair of pulleys are spaced from one another horizontally within the frame.

5. (Original) A window, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein;

said upper sash includes a lower frame support ;

said lower sash includes a lower frame support; and

said cable attaches to said upper and lower sashes at said respective lower frame supports

5 thereof.

6. (Original) A window, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said cable has means attached at both ends thereof for adjusting a length of the cable spanning between said upper sash and said lower sash.

7. (Currently Amended) A hung window comprising:

a frame defining an opening, said frame including a pair of spaced vertical frame members, an upper frame member interconnecting upper ends of said vertical frame members, and a lower frame member interconnecting lower ends of said vertical frame members, each said vertical frame member having a pair of vertically extending channels formed thereon;

5 an upper sash mounted in the frame and slidable therein in an opposing pair of said channels;

a lower sash mounted in the frame and slidable therein in another opposing pair of said channels;

10 a cable having a first end connected to said upper sash and having a second end connected to said lower sash; and

means mounted in said frame and within the opening defined by said frame for enabling simultaneous movement of said upper and lower sashes, wherein lifting said lower sash results in said upper sash being lowered; and

15 said cable has means attached at both ends thereof for adjusting a length of the cable spanning between said upper sash and said lower sash.

8. (Currently Amended) A hung window comprising:

a frame having a pair of spaced and substantially parallel vertical frame members, and a pair of horizontally extending frame members interconnecting said vertical frame members; an upper sash mounted in a first channel of the frame and slidable therein;

5 a lower sash mounted in a second channel of the frame and slidable therein;

 a first pair of pulleys mounted in one vertical frame of said pair of vertical frame members;

 a second pair of pulleys mounted in the second vertical frame of said pair of vertical frame members;

10 a first cable having a first end connected to one lateral edge of said upper sash and having a second end connected to an adjacent lateral edge of said lower sash, said first cable being routed over said first pair of pulleys;

 a second cable having a first end connected to the opposite lateral edge of said upper sash and having a second end connected to the opposite lateral edge of said lower sash, said second cable being routed over said second pair of pulleys; [[and]]

15 wherein lifting said lower sash causes said upper sash to be lowered and said cables remain in tension during movement of said sashes by rotation of said pairs of pulleys; and

an interlock mechanism for sealing said upper sash with respect to said lower sash, said interlock mechanism being mounted adjacent an upper end of said lower sash and a lower end of said upper sash.

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9. (Withdrawn) A method of variably and selectively opening a window comprising the steps of:

 providing a window construction including a frame, an upper sash mounted in said frame and slidable therein, a lower sash mounted in said frame and slidable therein, at least one pair of

5 pulleys mounted in said frame, at least one cable having a first end connected to said upper sash
and having a second end connected to said lower sash, said cable being routed over said pair of
pulleys;
 grasping said lower sash; and
 exerting a force in an upward direction to lift said lower sash to a height thereby creating
10 a desired opening between said lower sash and a sill of the window, wherein said exerting step
simultaneously results in lowering of said upper sash thereby creating an additional opening
defined between an upper frame member of said frame and said upper sash.

10. (Withdrawn) A method, as claimed in Claim 9, further including the step of:
 selectively balancing the weight of the upper sash with respect to the lower sash thereby
optimizing an amount of force necessary to raise the lower sash.

11. (Withdrawn) A method, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:
 said upper sash and said lower sash travel equal distances with respect to one another.

12. (Withdrawn) A method, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:
 said lower sash travels a further distance than said upper sash.

13. (Withdrawn) A method, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:
 said upper sash travels a further distance than said lower sash.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A window, as claimed in Claim 7, wherein:

a weight of said lower sash is adjusted to balance a weight of said upper sash thereby optimizing an amount of force required to lift the lower sash.

16. (New) A window, as claimed in Claim 7, wherein:

said lower sash and said upper sash are approximately equal in weight.

17. (New) A window, as claimed in Claim 7, wherein;

said upper sash includes a lower frame support ;

said lower sash includes a lower frame support; and

said cable attaches to said upper and lower sashes at said respective lower frame supports thereof.